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TITLE OF INVENTION: RADIATION SOURCE, LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Application No. Applicant(s) 10/664 065 KOSHELEV ET AL. Notice of Allowability Examiner Art Unit 2881 Nikita Wells -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308. 1, X This communication is responsive to "Request for Continued Examination" received December 11, 2008. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2 and 4-43. 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the: a) 🛛 All 1. A Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received: _____. Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted. (a) Including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d). 6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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- Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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- Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date .
- 7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8. X Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. Other _____.

/Nikita Wells/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2881

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Detailed Action

The Applicant filed a "Request for Continued Examination" which was received on
December 11, 2008, including an "Information Disclosure Statement" (IDS) presenting new
documents to be considered by the Examiner. The Examiner analyzed the documents (as shown
in the IDSs) and did not find any material in the documents that interferes with the disclosure of
the independent claims 1, 27, 32, and 42.

Allowable Subject Matter

- Claims 1-2 and 4-43 are allowed.
- The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, as was previously stated in the Office Action mailed out May 6, 2008:

Claims 6-24, 26, 36-41 and 43, are allowed in view of the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 25, 32-35, and 42, are allowed in view of the Examiner's amendment presented in the previous Office Action. Claims 27-31 are also considered to be allowable as shown below. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance for claims 1-2, 4-5, 25, 27-35, and 42.

With respect to the independent claims 1, 32, and 42, prior art fails to disclose or make obvious, in combination with other recited features of the claim limitations, a radiation source, system, and method, comprising an anode and a cathode that are configured and arranged to create a discharge, within a discharge element, in a substance in a discharge space between said anode and said cathode to form a plasma so as to generate electromagnetic radiation, said radiation source comprising a plurality of discharge elements, wherein said discharge elements are arranged around a rotation axis of said radiation source.

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With respect to the independent claim 27, prior art fails to disclose or make obvious a method for operating a radiation source, constructed to have a low inductance, and comprising an anode and a cathode that are configured and arranged to create a discharge in a substance in a discharge space between said anode and said cathode to form a plasma so as to generate electromagnetic radiation, said method comprising generating an initial discharge followed by operating said radiation source so as to allow successive discharges to occur due to a substantially self-regulated oscillation within said discharge source. The key feature of the applicant's invention is the operation of the radiation source so as to allow successive discharges to occur due to a substantially self-regulated oscillation within said discharge source.

The dependent claims 2, 4-5, and 25; and 33-35, are allowable by virtue of their dependence upon the independent claims 1 and 32, respectively. The dependent claims 28-31 are allowable by virtue of their dependence upon the independent claim 27.

Conclusion

- 4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
- 5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nikita Wells whose telephone number is (571) 272-2484. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on (571) 272-

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/Nikita Wells/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2881

December 17, 2008